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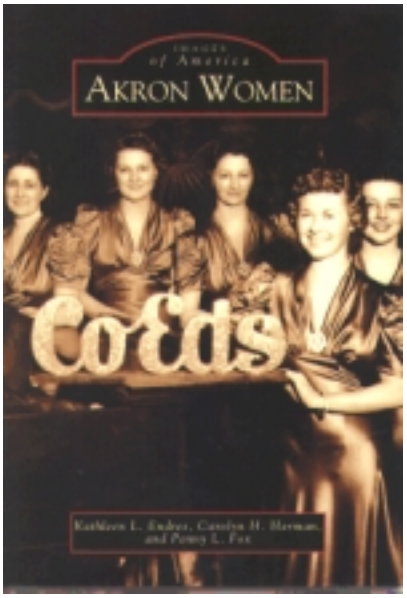
Akron Women: Another Look at History



Local author and University of Akron professor, Kathleen "Kitty" Endres, along with Carrie Herman, and Penny Fox have produced *Akron Women*, a new book for the Arcadia Press series, "Images of America." Arranged by topic, this book includes a fascinating collection of historic photographs depicting the everyday lives of Akron girls and women. The photographs, accompanied by text, tell stories of love and marriage, growing up, work, leisure, and hard times.

Akron Women: Another Look at History, a documentary and companion to the book, premiered in the Main Library auditorium on April 21. The standing room only crowd was treated to a moving and evocative multimedia presentation that included many images from the book, as well as interviews with Akron women as they remembered special women in their lives. Under the direction of Ms. Endres, University of Akron graduate students Kyle Verrett, Lori Brandt, Jennie Castle, and Rachel Hendrickson produced this captivating work that tells the stories of Akron women and the important roles they have played in the development of our community. The score was composed by graduate student Mark Shultz, and the narration was provided by 91.3 the Summit radio host, Heather Burns. An expanded version of the documentary will air this summer on public television station 45/49.

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Akron History Museum at Lock 3

This summer marks the third year for Lock 3 Live in Downtown Akron. A variety of family oriented events are planned for this season, starting with the Akron Family Barbecue the weekend of July 1-4. The Akron History Museum, located on the lower level of the former O'Neil's parking deck, will be expanded to include new exhibits. The museum will be open during most events, and admission is free. For more information check out the Lock 3 website: http://destinationdowntownakron.com/lock3/index.html

Wanted: Congregational Histories, Yearbooks and Recordings

Do you know there are more than 400 churches and places of worship in Summit County? Special Collections is working to create a collection of materials about places of worship in our community. We are especially interested in obtaining congregational histories and yearbooks. Whether a few typewritten pages, or an entire book, we are seeking copies to preserve and make available for library researchers and future generations. The Library is also interested in obtaining recordings made by church or religious groups for its *Sounds of Summit Project*, our initiative to create an archive of Summit County music. If your place of worship has a printed history, yearbooks, or musical recordings that you are willing to share, please contact Judy James in the Special Collections Division. 330-643-9030 or jjames@akronlibrary.org

Gargoyles Find A New Home at the Library

Four gargoyle-like stone sculptures have found a new home at the Akron-Summit County Public Library. These 400-600 pound sandstone sculptures were in the possession of Metro Parks Serving Summit County for decades. Dave Whited, Chief of Planning for the park system made it his personal mission to find a home for them. After consulting with Judge Bill Spicer, he decided to offer them to the new Main Library. It is not known for certain which building they came from originally, but it is thought that they once graced the F. Schumacher Milling Company office building formerly located at the corner of Broadway and Mill. A close examination of an early photograph of the building reveals four figures that may be the sculptures now being prepared for their final resting spot at the Main Library. With the assistance of local architectural restoration firm Chambers, Murphy, and Burge, they will be cleaned and a proper base designed so that they can be displayed permanently at Main Library.

Ohio Death Certificates, 1908-1954, Update

The Special Collections Division holds the microfilmed Ohio Death Certificates from 20 December 1908 through 1953. We expect to have the entire collection, up to and including 1954, by mid-summer. Please keep in mind that we also have the microform indexes from 20 December 1908 through 1954. The indexes currently in the microfilm cabinets are new, and represent a higher quality of microfilming than the indexes we had previously.

As you know, this is a very important collection for those researching Ohio ancestors. We have discovered that many researchers still do not know that we hold the collection, and have thus continued to pay the steep price required by the local and state health departments. Please tell all of your fellow genealogists about the availability of this collection.

We welcome everyone to visit the Main Library to use this collection and reap the benefits of our other growing resources. However, time and travel can be limited. Please remember that you may submit a request for photocopies of death certificates to speccollections@akronlibrary.org. We do ask that

you limit each request to five certificates at one time. There is no charge for the search. We do send an invoice of a $1 mailing fee plus 5 cents per photocopy with your copied certificates. No payment is necessary upfront. Please remember to include the name of the deceased, approximate date of death (or year range), county of death if known, and your mailing address. Turn around time for requests is currently at 2 to 4 weeks.

Ohio Genealogical Society Conference in Akron, Ohio April 2005

We were very pleased with the number of researchers who visited us during the conference. Our Late Night at the Library event for OGS attendees was a terrific success with over 100 attendees. We were thrilled to hear the 10 reader printers running at high speed. The Special Collections Staff in attendance that night found it a pleasure to work with all of you. We anxiously await the return of one and all.

Notice to Genealogical Societies and Other Groups

Some OGS Chapters and other groups have had field trips here in Special Collections. The field trips consist of a tour of Special Collections and then personal research. There is, of course, no fee. Field trips can be had on any of the seven days of the week. Please phone Judy James at 330-643-9041 or email her at jjames@akronlibrary.org to schedule a re-search trip. Depending upon meeting room availability, a room may also be arranged if you require a chapter business meeting.

People of Penzance, Cornwall to Akron, Ohio

According to Akron native Linda Mann, over 300 Cornish men and women traveled from the Penzance area to Akron in the first two decades of the 20th century. Many of the immigrants found work in Akron's major tire factories. Ms. Mann has worked to document this migration from Cornwall to Akron, and continues to do so. Records compiled regarding the immigrants include but are not limited to correspondence, interviews, naturalization records, newspaper articles, photographs, and vital records. Ms. Mann has graciously donated two large volumes of her work to the Special Collections Division. The material is organized alphabetically by surname. Please be sure to visit the Special Collections Division to view the volumes. Ms. Mann also invites additional information to be added.

Local History Events Calendar

PTP Trustees Meeting
Progress Through Preservation
Tuesday June 7, 6 pm
Trustees will meet in the Carriage House at the Summit County Historical Society.

Guided Hiking Tours of the Park
Cascade Locks Park Association
3:00—4:00pm Sundays on June 26, July 24, August 28, September 25
Come and learn about the Cascade Locks Historic District, which will soon host the newest section of the Ohio & Erie Canal Towpath Trail. This important section will make the vital link to Downtown Akron!

Canal boats had to negotiate nearly 70 feet of elevation difference in less than a third of a mile within a section of the Ohio & Erie Canal now called the Cascade Locks. Akron was born along this section and industries thrived. Join a volunteer guide for a free tour of the area. Meet at the Mustill Store.

Member Appreciation Evening!
Cascade Locks Park Association
Tuesday, June 14, 5:30pm start
Enjoy the summer evening with the CLPA Board of Trustees and staff with music provided by the Metro Parks Ensemble. Hors d'oeuvres and cocktails in the Mustill Store followed by "The State of Cascade Locks Park" at 6:30. Concert begins at 7 pm. Call to receive membership information. Current members will receive invitations. Members Only.

PTP Monthly Meeting
Progress Through Preservation
Monday June 27, 7:30 pm
Meet at the Western Reserve Academy in Hudson**.**

Hot Jazz on Howard Street
Cascade Locks Park Association
Saturday, July 23, evening
We are proud to announce a second and "hotter" year for this extremely successful event to celebrate Akron's Heyday of Howard Street. Long an enclave for various ethnic backgrounds, Howard Street was a lively center of activity, commerce and entertainment during the 1920s-1950s supporting many businesses owned by members of Akron's African American Community. Howard Street was an important stop for the best jazz musicians of the day who came to play at places like the Cosmopolitan and the Green Turtle.

Take a step back into this era and enjoy a summer night filled with jazz, food, drink, entertainment and memories. Proceeds will support the development of the Cascade Locks Heritage Park. For more information or to receive an invitation call the office or check the website.

Civil War Exhibit
Summit County Historical Society
Thursday August 4, 5:30 - 7:30pm
Come see the exhibit at the John Brown House. Please call 330.535.1120 for more details

4th Annual Family Fun Day
Summit County Historical Society
Saturday, August 6, 11 am - 5 pm
The Perkins Stone Mansion and John Brown House are open. There will be a Civil War exhibit and re-enactors, book signings, crafts, etc. Free to the public.

Movie Premiere with Jack Gieck
Cascade Locks Park Association
Monday, August 8, 8:00pm, Movie 9:00
Don't miss the world movie premiere of *"DIG: An Archaeological Investigation in Akron's Cascade Locks Park"*, produced by Jack Gieck, author, canal historian, Cascade Locks Park Association volunteer and movie producer. This 30 minute documentary of the archaeology performed at the site of Schumacher's Cascade Mill also takes the audience through the history of the CLPA and gives a glimpse at future plans for the park. Bring your lawn chair for an outdoor showing in the Mustill yard. Admission is free.

Rubber City Road Rally
Summit County Historical Society Saturday
September 10, 2 -11 pm
Call for more details at 330.535.1120 or visit
http://www.rubbercityroadrally.com

National Preservation Conference, Portland, Oregon
Progress Through Preservation
September 27-October 2
See www.nthpcongerence.org.

Road Runner Marathon
Cascade Locks Park Association
Saturday, October 1, 8:30—10:30 am
Watch the race from the Mustill Porch.

Genealogy Events Calendar

Advanced Genealogy Seminar
Indirect Evidence Discussion
Saturday, June 18 10:00 am
Held in room 3 of the Akron-Summit County Public Library, this meet will discuss Thomas Jones' article "The Road Less Traveled: The Power of Indirect Evidence" and Kathryn Torpey's article "Assembling and Correlating Indirect Evidence to Identify the Father of Susan Kennedy." The meeting is free and open to anyone interested in improving his or her genealogy skills.

Cleveland Area Meeting
Computer Assisted Genealogy Group
Saturday, June 18, 9 am – 2 pm
Morning Program by Jean Hoffman, "Create Your Family Story: Printed, Online or in Pictures"
Afternoon program with Bill Frank, "Tips on Ancestry Library Edition"
Meet at Fairview Park Regional Library, 21255 Lorain Road, Fairview Park OH, or for additional information see www.rootsweb.com/~ohcagg/

Research Trip to the OGS Library in Mansfield, Ohio
Summit County Chapter of the OGS
Saturday, June 18
The group will carpool to Mansfield, arriving at 9 am for orientation and a talk on the library. Attendees will spend the rest of the day doing personal research. For more information send a message to SummitOGS@ald.net

Elissa Scalise Powell, CGRS
Saturday, July 16, 1 pm
Elissa was a presenter at the 2005 Annual OGS Conference. She is a past president of the Western Pennsylvania Genealogical Society and in addition to her program, will discuss requirements for application to First Families Of Western Pennsylvania. Meet at the Akron Summit County Public Library, 60 S. High St., Akron Ohio.

Joint Conference
The Indiana Genealogical Society and the Indiana Historical Society
August 19-20
There will be four lecture tracks to choose from, and speakers will include Elizabeth Shown Mills, Tony Burroughs, Diane Gagel and Professor James H. Madison. IGS and IHS members receive a discount on conference registration. It will be held in Indianapolis, at the Indianapolis Marriott East. For more information and a registration booklet, see http://www.indgensoc.org/midwesternroots/index.html

Historical Privy Salvage and Bottle Excavation
Summit County Chapter of the OGS
Saturday, September 17, 1 pm
The Lacy family of Ashtabula will present the discovery of artifacts produced, used, and disposed of by our ancestors. Meet at the Akron-Summit County Public Library, 60 South High Street, Akron, Ohio.

We would like to thank the following for their generous donations:

Richard Acker for a photographs of Central High School, 1944, Spicer Grade School, 1940 and West High School yearbook, 1930.

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Kenny R. Burck for *A Guide to Genealogical Resources in Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Ohio.*

Ronna Bryant for issues of the *Cleveland Kol, Speaking Relatively,* and *Glenville Cemetery transcriptions.*

Cuyahoga West Chapter of the Ohio Genealogical Society for *Maple Ridge Cemetery, Westlake* and *Cuyahoga County, Ohio: A History of Its People and Families.*

Lori Colbert for *Genealogy of the Page Family of Streetsboro, Ohio*

Local filmmakers, Connie Collins and Todd Biss for the DVD, *A Trampoline*

Mr. and Mrs. James Derry for *Granville: the Story of an Ohio Village* by William T. Utter.

Robert Capanna for *St. Paul's Church: Celebrating 75 Years of Building a Christ-Centered Community.*

Reverend Roderick Dibbert for materials pertaining to the Bronson Memorial Church, the history of Northampton, St. Mary's Anglican Catholic Church, and personal memorabilia about his career.

Sandra Duncan for *Encyclopedia Brittanica* published by the Werner Publishing Company, 1905.

Richard Gombert for issues of several periodicals pertaining to Palatine history and genealogy.

Stanley Graham for *Portrait of a Lady: the Biography of Elizabeth Menges Ramirez-Graham.*

Helen Livingston for copies of the annual *Genealogical Research Directory* and a Family Tree Magazine CD.

Julia Moore for *The Peytons of Virginia, volumes 1 and 2.*

Jack Morris for one video recording of the U.S.S. Akron.

Ohio Genealogical Society for *A Guide to Genealogical Resources in Cincinnati and Hamilton County, Every Name Index to Esther Powell's Tombstone Inscriptions and Family Records of Jefferson County, Ohio, Some Descendants of Arthur Warren, Washington County Chapter, OGS Newsletters, 1990-1992,* and *Oak Grove Cemetery, Marietta, Ohio Burials.*

Helen Pavkov for *Church Book of the Brethren's Congregation at Beersheba, 1805.*

Richard Peterson for two copies of *Marking the Trail of the Portage Path.*

Progress Through Preservation for PTP Historic House Tour brochures, 1984-1998.

Megan Shaeffer for *Sacred Landmarks Cemetery Project:Pphases I and II.*

Warren Skidmore for *A Continuing Look at Life Through the Eyes of Emerson Batdorf* by Emerson Batdorf.

New to the Collection

Massachusetts

Historical Data Relating to Counties, Cities, and Towns in Massachusetts
Mayflower Bastard: A Stranger Among the Pilgrims
Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, v. 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 21 (Library has 1-8)

Mississippi

Desoto County, Mississippi Black Marriages, 1866-1900
DeSoto Cemetery, Mississippi Inscriptions
Desoto County, Mississippi Death Notices
Desoto County, Mississippi White Marriage Records (v. 1 and 2, 1893-1930)

Ohio

Buckeye Blizzard: Ohio and the 1950 Thanksgiving Storm

Compendium of the Oral History Project for the Cuyahoga Valley Administrative History
First Ladies of Ohio and Executive Mansions
Index to the Historical Collections of Ohio by Henry Howe
Ohio Place Names
Ohio Valley Pottery Towns
The Rattlesnakes and the Ramsey
Brown County, Ohio Cemetery Names and Locations
Brown County, Ohio Children's Home, 1884-1921
Clermont County, Ohio Land Records 1787-1812: Surveys, Patents, Deeds, and Mortgages
Mt. Carmel and Summerside, Ohio from 1788 to Modern Times
T.P. White Funeral Home Records, 1889-1936, Clermont County
Selected Obituaries from East Liverpool Tribune, 1880-1910
Families of Crawford County, Ohio
Naturalizations of Crawford County, Ohio
Selection of American Jewish History Resources in Greater Cleveland Libraries
Defiance County, Ohio Death Records, 1884-1907, v. 1-2
Defiance County, Ohio Death Records Index (1908-1996), Books A-Z
Defiance County, Ohio Genealogical Research Guide
Defiance County, Ohio Marriages, 1845-1861
Defiance County, Ohio Out of County and State Burial Permits
Fayette County, Ohio Marriage Books, v. 1-12, 1855-1931
Franklin County Will Book C & D, 1847-1864
Gallia County, Ohio Birth Records v. 1881-1895 (Library has v.1)
Gallia County, Ohio Death Records v. 2, 1899-1916 (Library has v.1)
Cincinnati's Over the Rhine
Granville: The Story of an Ohio Village, Licking County
Mount Calvary Cemetery, Mahoning County, Ohio
Richland County, Ohio Marriages, 1872-1900
Cemetery Inscriptions of Scioto County, Ohio v. 12, Washington Township
Gravestone Inscriptions of Scioto County, Ohio, v. 13, Union Township
Doncaster Funeral Home, Hudson, Summit County, Ohio 8 April 1910-22 March 1922
Hudson, Ohio and the Underground Railroad
Lengthened Shadows: The Story of the Akron Public Schools
Molding a Legacy: The Akron Porcelain and Plastics Company
Print It! 150 Years of the Akron Beacon Journal
History of the First United Methodist Church of Warren, Trumbull County, Ohio

Pennsylvania

The German Emigration from the New York Province into Pennsylvania
Genealogical Excerpts from the Presbyterian Advocate
Genealogical Abstracts of the Presbyterian Banner and the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate
Births, Marriages, and Deaths of Adams County, Pennsylvania, 1852-1854
Genealogical and Other Newsworthy Items Abstracted from the Pittsburg Reporter, Alleghey County, PA
Mount of Olives Presbyterian Church, Squirrel Hill and Mifflin Associate Reformed, Later United Presbyterian Church
Freeport Journal, Freeport, Armstrong County, Pennsylvania
Records of Clinton Lutheran Church, Clinton, South Buffalo Township, Armstrong County, PA
Chester County, PA Death and Marriage Records, 1858-1861
Cumberland County, Pennsylvania Quarter Session Dockets, 1750-1785
Marriage and Death Notices from Harrisburg, Pennsylvania Newspapers, 1835-1845
Abstracts of Lancaster County, PA Deed Records, v. 1-4
Abstracts of Lancaster County, PA Orphans Court Records, v. 1-3
Agricultural and Federal Census Schedules, 1850-1880, West Earl Township, Lancaster County, PA
Complete Records of Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Freeport, Armstrong County, PA

Complete Records of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church, McVille, Armstrong County, PA
The Baptismal Records of Himmel's Union Church, Rebuck, Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, 1774-1846
Turtle Creek and Bethel Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, Westmoreland County

South Carolina

The Jury Lists of South Carolina, 1778-1779

Tennessee

Tennessee Place Names

Virginia

Index to Loudon County, Virginia Wills, 1757-1850
Wythe County, Virginia, Vital Records, Births 1853-1859
Wythe County, Virginia, Vital Records, Deaths 1853-1870 and 1874-1879

West Virginia

Myers' History of West Virginia, v. 1-2
Barbour County, West Virginia Hardesty's Biographical Atlas
Barbour County, West Virginia Marriages, 1843-1935
Aler's History of Martinsburg and Berkeley County
Braxton County, West Virginia Deaths, 1881-1940
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Cabell County, West Virginia Abstracts of Deed Books 1-4
Cabell County Annals and Families
Cabell County, West Virginia Minute Book I
Cabell County's Empire for Freedom: The Manumission of Sampson Sanders' Slaves
Cemetery Readings in West Virginia, Cabell County
Doddridge County, West Virginia Deaths, 1853-1969
Doddridge County, West Virginia Marriages, 1845-1937
History of New Milton Community, Doddridge County
History of Nutter's Fork Community, Doddridge County
West Union, West Virginia Cemeteries, Doddridge County
A Record of the Early Settlement of Lower Loup Creek, Fayette County
Gilmer County, West Virginia Cemeteries, v. 1-2
Gilmer County, West Virginia Hardesty's Biographical Atlas
History of Sinking Creek Community, Gilmer County
History of the Great Kanawha Valley, v. 1-2
Greenbrier County, West Virginia Hardesty's Biographical Atlas
History of Greenbrier County
Harrison County, West Virginia Hardesty's Biographical Atlas
Harrison County, West Virginia Marriages, 1895-1912
Hardesty's Biographical Atlas Jackson County
Historic Shepherdstown, Jefferson County
History of Kanawha County
History of Walkersville Community, Lewis County, West Virginia
Lewis County, West Virginia Marriages, 1881-1937
History of Marion County
Mason County, West Virginia Hardesty's Biographical Atlas
Mason County, West Virginia Marriages, 1916-1924
History of Monongalia County
Monongalia County, West Virginia Marriages 1794-1920
Hardesty Biographical Atlas of Monroe County
Nicholas County, West Virginia Marriages, 1817-1933
History of Wheeling City and Ohio County
Pleasants County, West Virginia Hardesty's Biographical Atlas
Pleasants County, West Virginia Marriages 1900-1931, v. 1-2
Aurora Community, Preston County, West Virginia
History of Ritchie County
Wayne County, West Virginia in the Civil War
Moccasin Tracks and Other Imprints (Webster County)
History of Wetzel County
Sketches of Wood County, Part One

Military
Additional Civil War Soldiers in Arkansas, v. 1-2
Beaver County Soldiers (PA) in the Civil War
Burning Rails as We Pleased: The Civil War Letters of William Garrigues Bentley, 104th OVI
The Civil War Letters of Cpl. John H. Strathern, 8th PA Reserve Corps
Civil War Soldiers Buried in Arkansas National Cemeteries
Civil War Veterans Reference (Somerset and Cambria County areas of Pennsylvania)
Confederate Soldiers Buried in Arkansas
The Supply for Tomorrow Must Not Fail: The Civil War of Captain Simon Perkins, Jr., a Union Quartermaster
Union Soldiers Buried in Arkansas
Virginia Civil War Pension Applications: Bland County, 1888, 1900,1902

Reference
Red Book, 3rd edition

Southern
Notable Southern Families, v. 3-5

Canada
Genealogical Research in Nova Scotia

Ireland
Ireland: Genealogy & Family History, over 16 volumes

Jews
Dictionary of Jewish Surnames from Galicia
Jewish Vital Records, Revision Lists and Other Jewish Holdings in the Lithuanian Archives
Library Resources for German-Jewish Genealogy
Polish Sources at the Central Archives for the History of Jewish People
Registry of Jewish Holocaust Survivors 2000, v. 1-4
The Lurie Legacy

Ottoman Empire
Search Your Middle Eastern European Genealogy

Russia
In Their Words: A Genealogist's Translation Guide to Polish, German, Latin, and Russian Documents, Part II: Russian

Scotland
Directory of Scots in the Carolinas, 1680-1830, v. 2 (Library has v. 1)
Ships from Scotland to America, 1628-1828, v. 3 (Library has v. 1-2)

Genealogies
Descendants of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, v. 1-2
Genealogical Record of Rev. Hans Herr and His Lineal Descendants
Hale, House, and Related Families
William Hewett (Hewitt) 1749-1826 and His Descendants
History of the Tope Family
Notable Kin: V. Two
The Pedigree of Fletcher Garrison Hall
Voices from the River
Welsh Lineage of John Lewis (1592-1657)

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